



# Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

## Cleveland, OH

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of Cleveland was selected to receive two brownfields cleanup grants. Located in northern Ohio, Cleveland (population 478,403) is a federally designated Empowerment Zone. The city's heavy manufacturing economic base has decreased significantly, leaving thousands of vacant properties and approximately 350 brownfields in the urban core. In 2004, Cleveland was ranked the "most impoverished city" in the country, with one-third of residents living in poverty and a 7.9 percent unemployment rate. African-Americans make up 93 percent of the residents in the Empowerment Zone. The two sites targeted for cleanup are located in the Slavic Village neighborhood, a low-income, urban working-class community. When the sites are cleaned up, they will provide potential for new recreational opportunities and



### Cleanup Grants



#### \$400,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Cleveland for two brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct community involvement activities and clean up the Land Bank Lot #92 at 3542 East 71st Street, which is contaminated with semivolatile organic compounds and PCBs. The site was a portion of the former Superior Foundry as early as 1903. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community involvement activities and clean up the Lower Woolen Mills site in the Slavic Village neighborhood. The site was formerly used as a steam generation plant for a woolen mill and as an automotive junkyard.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

community space. Brownfields cleanup will protect public health, increase property values, and remove blight in the neighborhood.